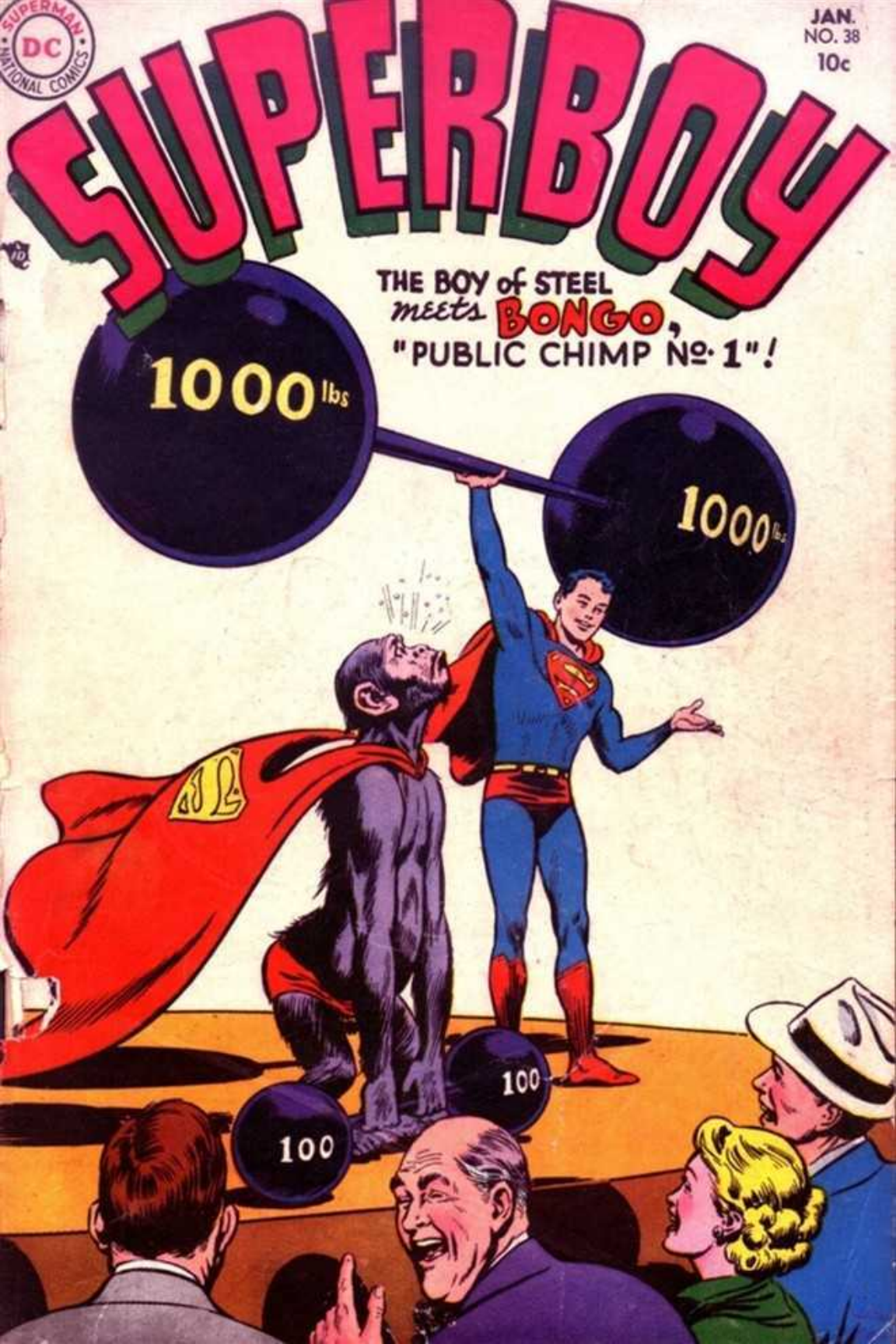
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SUPERBOY
THE BOY of STEEL
meets BONGO,
"PUBLIC CHIMP No. 1"!
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AS ZAZAR PLACES THE VOLUNTEER INSIDE THE LOCKED CABINET, CLARK KENT CUDGELS HIS MEMORY...
I KNOW I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE! LET ME THINK... IF HE WEREN'T WEARING DARK GLASSES... AND WITHOUT THAT BEARD!
HEY, PRESTO, ALAMAZ!
HOLD IT! YOU'VE GOT TORCH MARRON IN THAT LOCKED CABINET!
TORCH MARRON? YOU MEAN, THE BANK BANDIT, THE MAN WHO...?
THAT'S RIGHT! PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE! NOW, STOP THIS MAGIC STUFF AND LET HIM OUT OF THERE!
BUT CLARK KENT (SECRETLY SUPERBOY) USES HIS X-RAY VISION TO PEER INTO THE SWIRLING FOG AND...
GOOD GLORY! TORCH MARRON ISN'T IN THAT LOCKED CABINET! HE'S REALLY DISAPPEARED!
A LIGHTNING-SWIFT CHANGE, AND UNSEEN BY ANYONE, SUPERBOY WHIZZES OUT OF THE THEATER...
TORCH MARRON CAN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR! I'M BOUND TO SPOT HIM IF... HMM! A COUPLE OF TORCH'S CRIMINAL HENCHMEN ARE DRIVING THAT CAR!
PEEKABOO! WHO'S IN THE CAR WITH YOU?
S-SUPERBOY!
T-THERE ISN'T ANYBODY WITH US, SUPERBOY! H-HONEST!
I CAN'T HOLD YOU WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE, BUT--
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! THAT CABINET IS A DIFFERENT WOOD THAN THE FIRST ONE!
RIP
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SWIFTLY, SUPERBOY RETURNS TO THE THEATER TO FIND...

THERE'S THE ANSWER TO TORCH MARRON'S DISAPPEARANCE! A TRAP DOOR LEADING DOWN TO A TUNNEL BELOW THE STAGE FLOOR!

"TORCH'S HENCHMEN REMOVED THE CABINET THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR WHILE ZAZAR'S SMOKE ILLUSION SCREENED WHAT THEY WERE DOING! AND THEY SUBSTITUTED THE NEW, EMPTY ONE! THEN TORCH MADE HIS GETAWAY--AND THEY SIMPLY DROVE OFF!"

YOU MADE TORCH MARRON DISAPPEAR, HUH? I'LL BET YOU WERE WORKING IN CAHOOTS WITH HIM! FOR TWO CENTS I'D LOCK YOU UP IN HIS PLACE!

I--I SIMPLY CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT, OFFICER!

MY MAGIC ILLUSION WORKS VERY SIMPLY! WHILE THE CABINET IS SURROUNDED BY SMOKE, IT SIMPLY REVOLVES LIKE THIS! I OPEN THE FRONT AND--PRESTO--THE MAN IS APPARENTLY GONE!

THEN HE SHOULD BE IN THE *REAR* SECTION! BUT TORCH MARRON VANISHED COMPLETELY!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE--BUT IT HAPPENED! AND NOW MY CAREER IS RUINED! NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THAT I DID NOT AID THIS PUBLIC ENEMY TO ESCAPE!

EVEN IF I REVEAL HOW THE TRICK WAS DONE, NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ZAZAR WAS NOT INVOLVED!

I'VE GOT A WAY TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE, ZAZAR!

I'LL GET MY FRIEND, CLARK KENT, TO HELP US OUT! HERE'S THE PLAN! WE'LL ANNOUNCE ANOTHER MAGIC SHOW FOR TOMORROW NIGHT, AND... BZZ, BZZ BZZ...

NO MAGIC COULD DO THAT, *SUPERBOY!* BUT WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE I CAN PROBABLY DO IT!

AND SO THE NEXT EVENING, POSTERS APPEAR ALL OVER SMALLVILLE...

COME ONE COME ALL! SEE ZAZAR

ZAZAR will BRING BACK THE MISSING TORCH MARRON

HOW DOES CLARK KENT ACCOMPLISH THIS STARTLING FEAT? WELL, IT'S REALLY SIMPLE ENOUGH--IF YOU ARE SUPERBOY...
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE! I'LL JUST BEND THE STEEL BLADE A LITTLE...
... AND IT'LL PASS RIGHT AROUND ME! WHEN THIS TRICK IS OVER, I'LL BEND BACK ALL THE SWORDS INTO THEIR RIGHT SHAPE AT SUPER-SPEED SO NO ONE WILL SEE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
AS ZAZAR COMPLETES THE SECOND OF HIS FEATS...
DAT ZAZAR IS A REAL MAGICIAN! D-DO YOU THINK HE CAN REALLY BRING DA BOSS BACK?
H-HOW CAN HE? WE BOTH KNOW WHERE TORCH IS HIDIN' OUT! B-BUT MAYBE WE BETTER PHONE HIM JUST TO MAKE SURE!
MEANWHILE...
NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR THE MOST ASTONISHING OF ALL! YOU SEE CLARK KENT STEP INTO THIS CABINET...
MY ASSISTANT LOCKS IT! AND IN A MOMENT TORCH MARRON WILL REAPPEAR WITHIN THE CABINET IN CLARK'S PLACE!
SUPERBOY CAN'T DELIVER ON THAT PROMISE! THIS TRICK IS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST FLOP OF ALL TIME!

THREE SECONDS TICK BY, AND WITHIN THE CABINET...
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP THE SOUND OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION! JUST WHAT I EXPECTED! IT'S TIME TO GET INTO ACTION...
ROCKETING OUT OF THE CABINET AT SUCH SPEED THAT HE IS INVISIBLE TO ZAZAR AND THE AUDIENCE...
I'LL TAKE THE TOP ALONG WITH ME! NOBODY CAN SEE THAT IT'S MISSING--AND I'LL REPLACE IT LATER!

USING HIS X-RAY VISION SUPERBOY GLANCES BACK AT THE THEATER LOBBY TO SEE...
TORCH MARRON'S HENCHMEN ARE TELEPHONING HIM ABOUT ZAZAR'S PROMISE TO MAKE HIM REAPPEAR! NOW TO TRACE DOWN THE ADDRESS OF THAT PHONE CALL!

A HASTY STOP AT THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE OFFICE, AND A SPLIT SECOND AFTERWARD...
OF COURSE I'M HERE, YOU IDIOTS! WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE? I DON'T CARE IF THAT STUPID MAGICIAN SAID I'D...
TORCH MARRON--IN PERSON!

NOW TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO ZAZAR!

RACING BACK TO THE THEATER...
I'LL PUT TORCH INTO THE CABINET IN PLACE OF CLARK--AND FASTEN THE TOP! TIME'S ALMOST UP!

AND WHEN ZAZAR OPENS THE LOCKED CABINET...
M-MY GOODNESS! IT-IT IS TORCH MARRON!
EEK

WHEN ZAZAR'S SENSATIONAL EXHIBITION ENDS...
GULP! I-I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT--EVEN THOUGH I SAW IT HAPPEN!
GOSH, ZAZAR! YOU SURE ARE A TERRIFIC MAGICIAN!

I AM? I MEAN... UH... THANKS!
SUPERBOY SAVED MY REPUTATION, AND CAPTURED TORCH MARRON! BUT I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW HE DID IT!
POOR ZAZAR LOOKS CONFUSED! BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN WITHOUT RISKING MY IDENTITY AS SUPERBOY! THE CASE OF THE VANISHING PUBLIC ENEMY WILL HAVE TO REMAIN A MYSTERY--EVEN TO ZAZAR!
The End

BUT AS THE TWO PHILANTHROPISTS "DRIVE OFF"...
HA, HA... WE DID IT, DOC!
YEAH, SPIKE... BY MEETING SUPERBOY BEFORE HE GOT TO THE CHARITY OFFICE, WE DUPED HIM INTO WEARING A MINIATURE TV CAMERA HIDDEN IN THAT FAKE BADGE WE MADE!
WARM HEART
I DIDN'T STUDY TELEVISION FOR NOTHING, ON MY LAST HITCH IN JAIL! THE BADGE HOLDS ALL THE MIDGET GIMMICKS NEEDED TO SEND TV IMPULSES TO OUR PICK-UP SCREEN, IN A CLOSED CIRCUIT OF OUR OWN!"
RADIATING T.V. BEAMS
SECRET LENS
SECRET MICROPHONE
MIDGET BATTERIES
TINY TRANSMITTER
MINIATURE T.V. CAMERA

LATER, AT DOC DEVOE'S HIDEOUT...
HERE IT IS, BOYS -- THE GREATEST SHOW YET... THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY, AS SEEN BY SUPERBOY HIMSELF! LOOK -- NOW HE'S FLYING... YOU CAN TELL BY THAT BUILDING WHIZZING PAST!

INDEED, AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
TIME FOR MY REGULAR AIR PATROL OF TOWN! HEY... IS THAT A STICKUP DOWN BELOW?
GIMME YOUR DOUGH -- OR ELSE!

AS ALWAYS, BULLETS MERELY FLATTEN AND BOUNCE OFF THE BOY OF STEEL...
BANG
BANG

... BUT THIS TIME, STARTLED CRIMINALS WITNESS THE EVENT AS NEVER BEFORE SEEN THROUGH THE ORDINARY HUMAN EYE!
YIPES -- BULLETS! LOOK OUT!
ALMOST LOOKS REAL, EH? WE DON'T SEE SUPERBOY HIMSELF, BUT EVERYTHING IN FRONT OF HIM, JUST LIKE SEEING WITH HIS EYES!
BANG
BANG

GET THIS ONE NOW... SUPERBOY'S FIST SOCKING WITHIN CAMERA RANGE, SOUND-EFFECT AND ALL!
-GULP- GLAD IT AIN'T MY CHIN!
WHUD!
KEEP WATCHING, BOYS! HIS SECRET BADGE-CAMERA WILL SHOW US EVERY MOVE SUPERBOY MAKES ALL DAY LONG! AND SOONER OR LATER, WE'LL SPY OUT THE BIG SECRET WE WANT!
WHAT "BIG SECRET" ARE THE CRIMINALS AFTER? CAN YOU GUESS?
MEANWHILE, AS SUPERBOY CONTINUES HIS DAILY AID TO ALL...
THIS DISMANTLED BRICK WALL IS TEETERING TOWARD THOSE KIDS--SO I'LL JUST REMOVE THE MENACE ALTOGETHER!
SMASH!
CONDEMNED BUILDING
WOW! SO THAT'S HOW IT WOULD LOOK IF WE COULD CRASH THROUGH A BRICK WALL LIKE SUPERBOY DOES!
SMASH!
GEE... I NEVER RAN INTO SUPERBOY--BUT IF HE'S THAT POWERFUL, I'M GONNA GO STRAIGHT AND...
AW, SHADDUP, MONK! BEFORE THE DAY'S OVER, WE'RE GONNA GET THE UPPER HAND OVER SUPERBOY IN SPITE OF ALL HIS POWER! WAIT AND SEE!
LATER, AS ANOTHER MINOR EMERGENCY ARISES...
OH, MY CLEAN WASH!
THAT WIND SNAPPED THAT TV AERIAL! I'LL REPAIR IT!
LOOK! USING SUPER-FRICTION, HE'S MELTING AND WELDING THE STEEL MAST TOGETHER! Y'KNOW, THIS IS BETTER THAN A WESTERN!
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AND NOW, LET ME CLEAN YOUR SOILED WASH, MADAM! ONLY TAKE ME A FEW MOMENTS AT HIGH SPEED! YOU LOOK TIRED!
THANK YOU, SUPERBOY! I'LL REST AND WATCH TV!
AFTERWARDS...
WARM HEART CHARITY DRIVE TODAY! PROVE YOU'VE GOT A HEART, SMALLVILLE!
A SUDDEN ELECTRICAL STORM CAME UP, AND LIGHTNING MIGHT STRIKE THAT BLIMP! I'D BETTER BE ON GUARD UNTIL THE DANGER PASSES!
LIGHTNING DOES STRIKE--BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO OUTRACE THE BOY OF STEEL...
RACK!
WOW! HE'S A REGULAR HUMAN LIGHTNING ROD!
AT THIS INSTANT, ON THE CRIMINAL'S TV SCREEN...
OW! A BRIGHT FLASH, RIGHT IN OUR EYES!
TH-THAT BLINDS US TEMPORARILY--BUT WHEN OUR EYES CLEAR, WE'LL KEEP WATCH ON SUPERBOY TO FIND OUT...HIS OTHER IDENTITY! IT'S A CINCH!
SO AWHILE LATER, AS THE CROOKS' EYES CLEAR...
SEE?... I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER, HE'D FLY HOME TO CHANGE BACK TO HIS OTHER IDENTITY! OAK STREET, EH?
OAK ST.
MAIN
IS IT POSSIBLE? IS SUPERBOY, STREAKING TO THE PRIVACY OF HIS HOME, ABOUT TO REVEAL HIMSELF AS CLARK KENT?...
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BREATHLESSLY, THE MOBSTERS AWAIT THE CLIMAX OF THEIR SPYING...
HELLO, SON! THERE'S YOUR EVERYDAY CLOTHING TO PUT OVER YOUR SUPERBOY UNIFORM!
THAT MUST BE HIS FOSTER FATHER'S VOICE! BUT WE CAN'T RECOGNIZE IT, AND HE'S OUT OF CAMERA RANGE! WE NEED SOME MORE DEFINITE CLUE!
SEE YOU LATER, DAD! I'M GOING OUT NOW IN MY EVERYDAY DISGUISE!
DIDN'T SAY HIS NAME... BUT LOOK--THE HOUSE NUMBER! 57 OAK STREET! COME ON... THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TO KNOW!
57
IS SUPERBOY'S SECRET FINALLY OUT? WILL THE CRIMINALS INVADE THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. JONATHAN KENT, CLARK'S FOSTER PARENTS?...
THIS IS THE PLACE! WE'LL NOT ONLY MAKE HIS FOSTER FATHER TELL HIS NAME, BUT WE'LL TAKE HIM AS A HOSTAGE, TO KEEP SUPERBOY OFF OUR NECKS WHENEVER WE PULL A JOB!
57
NEXT MOMENT, INSIDE...
REACH, MISTER! YOU'RE SUPERBOY'S FOSTER FATHER AND... WHAT?! NOBODY'S HERE, AND THE FURNITURE'S COVERED! IS THIS THE WRONG HOUSE?
IT'S THE WRONG HOUSE, DOC DEVOE-- BUT THE RIGHT TRAP!
SUPERBOY! BUT... BUT...
BUT WE HEARD YOUR FOSTER FATHER-- AND SAW YOU PUT ON CLOTHING AND LEAVE!
ALL A TRICK--BECAUSE I'D ALREADY CAUGHT ONTO YOUR TRICK WHEN I HELPED THAT WOMAN WASH HER CLOTHES!
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"YOU SEE, SOMETHING VERY STRANGE OCCURRED WHEN SHE TURNED ON HER TV SET..."
SUPERBOY!
MY SCREEN ONLY SHOWS YOU WASHING THE CLOTHES!
ODD--HOW COULD THAT BE UNLESS... AH, MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS MINIATURE TV MECHANISMS IN THIS BADGE! THEIR IMPULSES, SO CLOSE TO HER SET, DROWN OUT ALL OTHER TV STATIONS!
FIGURING YOUR SCHEME, I USED THAT LIGHTNING-FLASH TO BLIND YOU LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO MAKE A TAPE-RECORDING OF MY "FOSTER FATHER'S" VOICE, AND TO PREPARE THIS ROOM... ALL AT SUPER-SPEED! FINALLY, I LURED YOU HERE TO 57 OAK STREET!

OUTSIDE, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...
BEFORE GOING INTO MY ACT, I COVERED THIS SIGN, WITH THE PERMISSION OF THIS REAL-ESTATE AGENT, WHO ALSO PROVIDED THE VOICE FOR THAT RECORDING! YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF TIME IN JAIL TO FIGURE OUT WHO MY REAL FATHER IS!
FURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT
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AND SO, LATER, AS CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT MAKES A CHARITY DONATION...
MY--WHAT A LARGE, WARM-HEARTED DONATION!
I DOUBT IF IT WOULD WARM DOC DEVOE'S HEART! IT'S THE REWARD MONEY FOR HIS CAPTURE!
WARM HEART DRIVE
THE END

NOW MORE THAN EVER-
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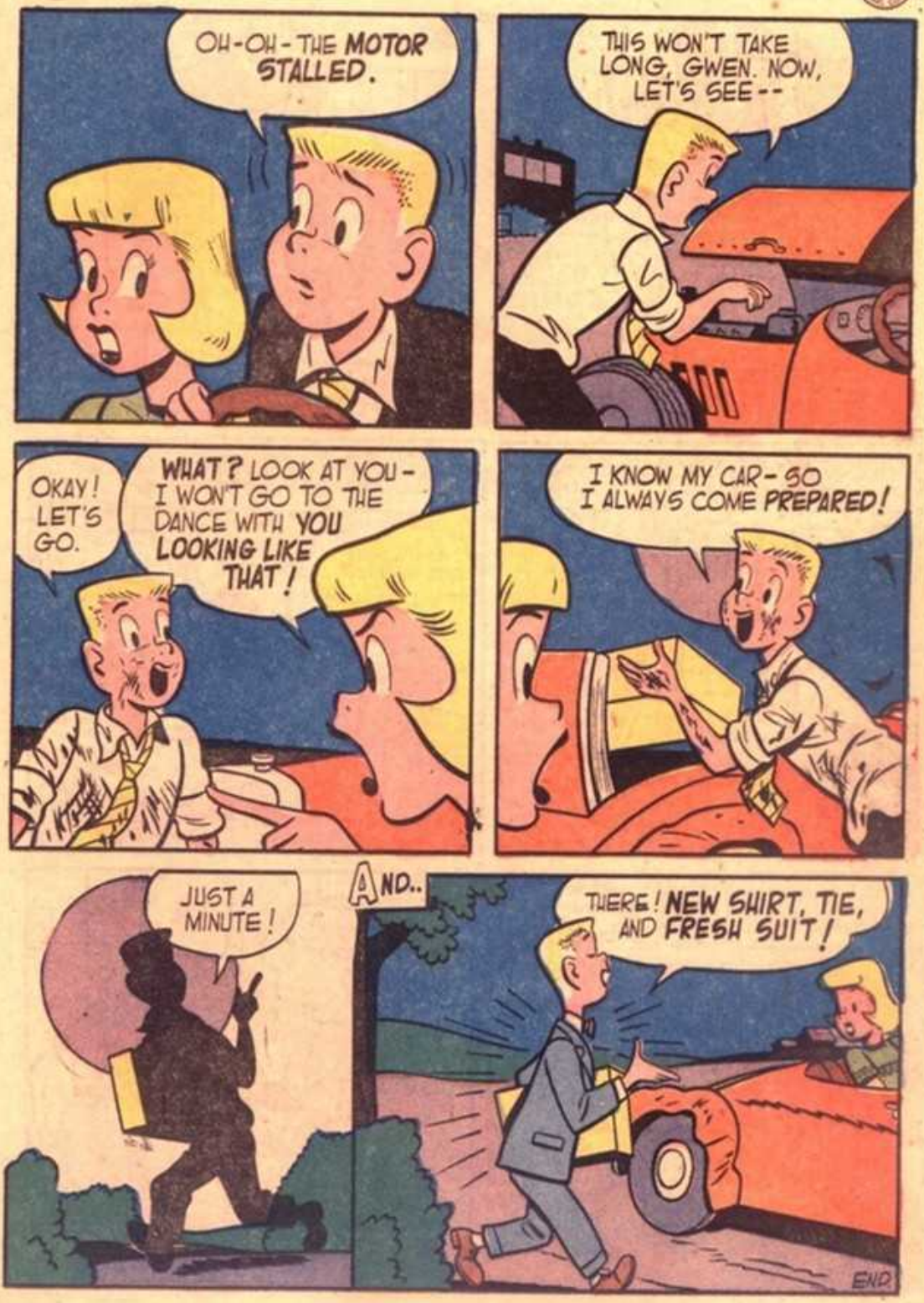
THIS FAMOUS SYMBOL
ON THE COVER OF ANY COMICS MAGAZINE IS YOUR GUARANTEE OF THE BEST IN COMICS READING!

JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
♫ OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT- ♫
ALL READY FOR THE BIG DANCE, GWEN?
THAT'S A PRETTY DRESS YOU'RE WEARING!
BANG!
I'LL HAVE THIS FLAT FIXED IN A JIFFY!


OH-OH - THE MOTOR STALLED.
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, GWEN. NOW, LET'S SEE--
OKAY! LET'S GO.
WHAT? LOOK AT YOU - I WON'T GO TO THE DANCE WITH YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT!
I KNOW MY CAR - SO I ALWAYS COME PREPARED!
JUST A MINUTE!
AND..
THERE! NEW SHIRT, TIE, AND FRESH SUIT!
END

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JEEPERS—I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THESE FANCY WRAPPINGS...

WANT ME TO WRAP IT FOR YOU, WILLY?
GEE, WOULD YOU, SIS'? I'M MAKING AN AWFUL MESS OF IT.

I'D LIKE YOU TO MAKE A REAL FANCY PACKAGE WITH LOTS OF BOWS ON IT... CAN YOU DO THAT?!?
IT'S A BIG ORDER, BUT I'LL TRY.

BRO-THER... YOU SURE KNOW WHAT YOU WANT! WHO IS THIS GIFT FOR? SHE MUST BE AWFULLY IMPORTANT!
HUH!... YOU BET SHE IS.!

HERE!... WHEW! WHAT A JOB THAT WAS! I HOPE I'LL NEVER HAVE TO WRAP ONE THAT FANCY AGAIN!
GEE, THANKS, SIS'... IT'S BEAUTIFUL...

LATER...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SIS'!!

HEY, FELLOWS AND GIRLS – HERE'S SOMETHING *YOU* CAN MAKE!

SUPERBOY'S WORKSHOP

Make a real STEAM BOAT!

WITH A BOARD, SOME BOX-WOOD, COPPER TUBING, A JAR AND A CANDLE!

1 SAW OUT A BOARD TWELVE BY FOUR INCHES WITH A "V" SHAPE AT ONE END. THIS WILL BE THE HULL OF YOUR BOAT. NOW, DRILL TWO HOLES AT AN ANGLE INTO THE REAR OF THE HULL. THE DIAMETER OF THE HOLES MUST BE LARGE ENOUGH TO ADMIT THE COPPER TUBING!

2 NOW, TO MAKE THE BOAT ENGINE, WRAP A PIECE OF COPPER TUBING, ABOUT TWENTY INCHES LONG, AROUND A JAR IN ORDER TO MAKE A COIL. REMOVE THE JAR. INSERT THE TWO OPEN ENDS OF THE COIL INTO THE HOLES YOU DRILLED IN THE HULL, SO THAT THE TUBING PROTRUDES PAST THE BOTTOM OF THE HULL!

3 ATTACH A PIECE OF CANDLE TO THE HULL RIGHT UNDER THE LOWEST PART OF THE COIL. NOW, FUEL THE ENGINE BY FILLING THE COIL WITH WATER. MOST OF WHICH WILL DRAIN OUT. HOWEVER, ENOUGH WATER WILL BE LEFT IN THE COIL TO RUN THE BOAT FOR QUITE A WHILE!

4 PLACE THE BOAT ON WATER AND LIGHT THE CANDLE. IN A FEW MINUTES, STEAM WILL BE FORCED OUT OF THE TUBING, THUS PROPELLING THE BOAT! MORE CANDLES WILL GIVE ADDED POWER!

SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

THE MOST FAMOUS CHIMP IN THE WORLD--THAT'S BONGO!

EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD LOVES BONGO! EVERY WEEK, ON HIS OWN PROGRAM, MILLIONS OF TV WATCHERS LAUGH AT THE ANTICS OF THIS ADORABLE MONKEY!

BUT WHEN BONGO TURNS UP AMONG THE MISSING -- WHEN HIS UNUSUAL TALENTS ARE TWISTED TO THE PURPOSES OF A RUTHLESS GANG CHIEFTAIN-- SUPERBOY HAS TO RACE TO THE RESCUE OF...

"PUBLIC CHIMP NUMBER ONE!"

IT'S SUPERBOY! HE'S COME TO RESCUE BONGO!

I'LL BLOW OUT HIS BRAINS FIRST... HUH? SOMEBODY STOLE THE CARTRIDGES!

CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!

TOP STAR ON TV IS THAT LOVABLE LITTLE CHIMPANZEE NAMED BONGO! EVERY WEEK, MILLIONS OF VIEWERS HOWL AT HIS ANTICS...
LOOK, DAD-- BONGO'S ACTING LIKE A BARBER!
HA-HA... HE'S GIVING THE ANNOUNCER A HAIRCUT!
BONGO'S VOICE IS AS WELL KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AS THAT OF ANY FAVORITE MOVIE STAR...
BONGO'S SAYING GOODBYE-- UNTIL NEXT WEEK!
KREEE! KREEE!
GOODBYE, BONGO!
BONGO
AND WHEN BONGO LEAVES THE STUDIO, THERE IS ALWAYS AN ARMY OF FANS AND WELL WISHERS...
STAND BACK, FOLKS! YOU'RE CROWDING BONGO TOO CLOSELY! HE'S LIABLE TO GET FRIGHTENED!
KREEE
ABRUPTLY, AS THE THRONG CLOSES IN TOO TIGHTLY...
KREEE
CIGAR.
BONGO! COME BACK!
UNHEEDING, THE SCARED CHIMP SCAMPERS SKYWARD UNTIL...
CRACK!
KREE! KREE! KREEEEEE!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS YOUNG CLARK KENT PASSES BY ON THE STREET BELOW...
GOLLY! THAT'S BONGO THE CHIMPANZEE ON THAT FLAG-POLE! HE'S GOING TO FALL!
A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME, AND CLARK STREAKS TO THE RESCUE IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS SUPERBOY...
?
OKAY, BONGO-- HITCH A RIDE!
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SHORTLY AFTER...
BONGO'S SAYING THANK YOU, SUPERBOY, FOR SAVING HIS LIFE!
HE'S JUST LUCKY THIS HAPPENED HERE IN SMALLVILLE, MY HOME TOWN, WHERE HE'S MAKING A GUEST TV APPEARANCE!
KREE KREEE!
PERHAPS NOT SO LUCKY AS YOU THINK, SUPERBOY -- FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IN THE HIDEOUT OF HOT-SHOT HUBBARD, LOCAL GANG CHIEF...
BAH! NOTHIN' TO READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT HOW SUPERBOY SAVED BONGO!
BONGO IS A SMART CHIMP, THE SMARTEST IN THE WORLD... AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! WE'RE GOING TO KIDNAP THAT CHIMP... AND GET HIM TO HELP US PULL OFF SOME BIG JOBS!
THUS, WITHIN A FEW HOURS NEWSPAPERS BLAZON WITH TRAGIC HEADLINES...
SMALLVILLE TIMES
BONGO IS CHIMP-NAPPED
SMALLVILLE JOURNAL
CHAMP CHIMP DISAPPEARS
WHERE IS PUBLIC CHIMP NUMBER 1
AND IN THE KENT HOME...
NO SIGN OF BONGO YET! THEY'RE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP LOOK FOR HIM!
SIGHH! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT TELEVISION -- NOW THAT BONGO IS GONE!
WELL, HE WON'T BE GONE FOR LONG -- IF SUPERBOY CAN HELP IT!
AFTERWARD, HIGH ABOVE SMALLVILLE...
MILLIONS OF REWARD POSTERS, WITH BONGO'S DESCRIPTION! I'VE GOT TO SCATTER THEM THIS WAY OVER EVERY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES! OF COURSE, MOST PEOPLE WHO READ THEM ALREADY KNOW WHAT BONGO LOOKS LIKE!
NEXT, A SERIES OF SUPER-SWIFT VISITS TO PET STORES THROUGHOUT THE NATION...
SORRY, SUPERBOY... I'VE SOLD A FEW CHIMPANZEES -- BUT NOT BONGO! WHY, I'D KNOW BONGO IN A MINUTE, IF I SAW HIM!
THANKS!
LAKE PET SH
FINALLY, THE BOY OF STEEL RESORTS TO A DIFFERENT STRATEGY...
I BORROWED THIS CARDBOARD FROM A MILL! THE OWNER WAS GLAD TO CONTRIBUTE IT TO HELP FIND YOUR MISSING BONGO!
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SO FAR, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR BONGO! BUT OBVIOUSLY, ANYONE WHO KIDNAPPED BONGO WOULD KEEP HIM WELL HIDDEN, BECAUSE HE'S TOO WELL KNOWN! SO WE'VE GOT TO HELP BONGO FIND US!
BONGO! BONGO, WHERE ARE YOU?

ECHOING FOR MILES, MAGNIFIED BY SUPERBOY'S GIANT MEGAPHONE, THE VOICE OF BONGO'S MASTER TRAVELS FAR AND WIDE...
BONGO WHERE ARE YOU?

AND AT THIS VERY INSTANT, IN A CELLAR HIDEAWAY...
BONGO... WHERE ARE YOU?
SHUT THAT WINDOW!
KREEE-KREEEE

THAT VOICE UPSET BONGO! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GET HIM TO DROP THAT MARBLE INTO THE BOTTLE! ONCE HE LEARNS TO DO THAT, OUR FORTUNES ARE MADE!
HUH? I DON'T GET IT!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GET IT! JUST TAKE MY WORD FOR IT THAT... HEY! DON'T PUT THAT MARBLE IN YOUR MOUTH, YOU STUPID CHIMP!

I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME HAVING BONGO PRACTICE THIS STUNT! I'VE GOT A JOB FOR HIM THAT WON'T TAKE ANY PRACTICE AT ALL!

SO, THAT EVENING, HOT-SHOT HUBBARD AND HIS GANG TAKE BONGO TO A CERTAIN ROOFTOP...
OKAY, BONGO... DOWN THERE-- THROUGH THAT LITTLE WINDOW!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE CHIMP WILL DO WHAT YOU WANT HIM TO, HOT-SHOT?

I SAW HIM DO THIS STUNT ON TV! HIS MASTER ACTED LIKE HE FORGOT HIS HOUSE KEY! HE SENT THE CHIMP IN THROUGH A WINDOW--AND SURE ENOUGH, BONGO OPENED THE FRONT DOOR AND LET HIM IN!
JEWELRY CENTER

INDEED, ONCE INSIDE THE DARK STORE, BONGO FINDS HIS WAY WITH UNCANNY AGILITY...

IT WORKED! THE CHIMP DID IT! WE'LL CLEAN OUT THIS JOINT!
WHO SAID CHIMPS WERE DUMB? HA-HA!
BURGLAR ALARM

BUT SUDDENLY...
CLANG!
CLANG CLANG
HUH? BONGO SET OFF THE BURGLAR ALARM!

HE DID IT ON PURPOSE! I'LL-- YOWWW!

GET ME OUTA HERE! THAT BLASTED MONKEY DELIBERATELY MESSED UP THIS JOB! I'LL FIX HIM!
KREEE!
KREEEE!

MEANWHILE, WHERE CLARK KENT ATTENDS A MOVIE WITH HIS FOSTER PARENTS...
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP THE SOUND OF A BURGLAR ALARM NOT FAR AWAY! I'D BETTER LOOK INTO IT!

EXCUSING HIMSELF, CLARK QUICKLY CHANGES IDENTITIES AND RACES TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

SUPERBOY!

GREAT SCOTT! THOSE CROOKS HAVE BONGO!

BUT THEY WON'T HAVE HIM LONG!

ONLY ONE CHANCE! THIS PACKAGE OF NITRO-GLYCERIN WE BROUGHT ALONG TO BLAST OPEN THE JEWELRY SAFE... I'LL TOSS IT IN THROUGH THE WINDOW!

TAKE YOUR CHOICE, SUPERBOY... YOU CAN CAPTURE US -- OR SAVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT APARTMENT HOUSE!

YOU SCOUNDREL!

THE NITRO'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE! NO TIME EVEN TO CARRY IT AWAY TO A SAFE PLACE!

SEIZING THE POWERFUL NITRO-GLYCERIN IN HIS BARE HANDS, THE FABULOUS BOY OF STEEL SMOTHERS THE EXPLOSION!

VROOM

TOO BAD... THE DELAY ENABLED THOSE GANGSTERS TO ESCAPE WITH BONGO! IMAGINE CROOKS STOOPING SO LOW AS TO USE A POOR CHIMPANZEE TO HELP THEM COMMIT CRIMES!

AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, SUPERBOY. FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY, BACK IN THE GANG'S HIDEOUT...

AT LAST! BONGO DROPPED THE MARBLE INTO THE BOTTLE! OUR FORTUNES ARE MADE! THIS TIME THE CHIMP WILL HELP US PULL OFF A JOB WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT HE'S DOING!

A CHIMP WITH A MARBLE IS GONNA MAKE US RICH? THIS I GOTTA SEE!

BON

I'VE CASED THIS JOB FOR WEEKS! THE BANK PRESIDENT, MR. BRANDYWINE, ALWAYS KEEPS A SODA BOTTLE ON HIS DESK! WE'LL SNEAK BONGO IN AND BZZ ZZ ZZ...
SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE THIRD NATIONAL BANK...
EEEEK!
GOOD HEAVENS! IT--IT'S BONGO!
LEAPING TO THE DESK, BONGO DROPS HIS "MARBLE"...
THIS IS REMARKABLE! BONGO WALKED RIGHT INTO MY OFFICE. CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE!
YES, MR. BRANDYWINE!
BUT BEFORE THE SECRETARY CAN REACH THE PHONE...
≠GASP≠ TH-THAT PELLET HE DROPPED INTO MY... SODA BOTTLE! IT... IT CAUSED A CHEMICAL REACTION THAT... OHHH...
KREE
AND MINUTES AFTER THE KNOCKOUT GAS SPREADS THROUGH THE BANK...
THEY'RE ALL OUT OF ACTION! WE CAN JUST WALK IN AND TAKE OVER! BONGO SET IT UP PERFECTLY!
WHAT A HAUL! IT'LL BE JUST LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
BUT AS THE CROOKS SEEK TO ESCAPE...
WHREEEEEEE
BONGO MUST'VE TIPPED 'EM OFF! BUT--BUT HOW...?
COPS!
QUICK! DOWN THIS ALLEY! WE'LL MAKE A GETAWAY!
THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! LUCKY I HAPPENED TO HEAR THOSE POLICE SIRENS! I THINK I CAN USE THAT CONDEMNED BUILDING!
BUILDING CONDEMNED
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AND AS THE CRIMINALS FLEE TOWARD SAFETY...
GULP! HEY, HOT-SHOT! LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE ALLEY'S GETTIN' NARROW!
IT'S CRAZY-- BUT THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!
YI-I-I-I!
IT'S A TRAP! WE'RE GONNA BE CRUSHED!
W-WHAT'S CAUSING IT?
A TIGHT SQUEEZE? I JUST MOVED OVER THAT CONDEMNED BUILDING, BECAUSE I WANTED TO WORRY YOU A LITTLE! CROOKS WHO'D KIDNAP A CHIMP LIKE BONGO DON'T DESERVE ANY BETTER TREATMENT!
I--I GIVE UP, SUPERBOY! J-JUST GET US OUT OF HERE!
LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
IT WAS THE CHIMP WHO SENT OUT THE ALARM, WASN'T IT? BUT I STILL DON'T SEE HOW!
SIMPLE ENOUGH! WHEN BONGO FOUND OUT WHY YOU TRAINED HIM TO DROP A MARBLE INTO THE SODA BOTTLE, HE TRIED TO UNDO HIS MISTAKE!
"SO HE PICKED UP THE PHONE AND CALLED FOR HELP! OF COURSE, BONGO CAN'T TALK-- BUT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CRY OF HIS..."
KREEE! KREEE!
"AS SOON AS THE OPERATOR HEARD IT, SHE CALLED THE POLICE!"
AND SO, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL--ON THE TV SCREENS OF AMERICA...
HA-HA-HA-HA!
I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE SOMEONE DO THAT TO THE FELLOW WHO DOES THE COMMERCIALS!
HA-HA! LEAVE IT TO BONGO!
WELL, THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! I'D HATE TO THINK OF HOW DULL LIFE WOULD BE WITHOUT THE AMUSING ANTICS OF PUBLIC CHIMP NUMBER ONE
THE END.